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PARTS II AND III

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PART II - RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS

A. STATE

THE FIVE AMERICAN OFFICERS -- AMBASSADOR, DCM, ADMINISTRATIVE,
CONSULAR AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS -- AND FOUR AMERICAN
STAFF OFFICERS -- ONE CRO AND THREE SECRETARIES -- ARE
ADEQUATE TO CARRY OUT ALL THE PROPOSED COURSES OF ACTION
BUT THEY WILL NOT BE UNDEREMPLOYED. DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES WITH
GHE GOM, REPORTING, THE USIS AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PRO-
GRAMS, SELF-HELP AND AID PROGRAMS ARE HANDLED BY THE
AMBASSADOR AND DCM TOGETHER. INVESTMENT AND TRADE PROMOTION,
COMMERCIAL INQUIRIES AND THE FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM ARE
HANDLED BY THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER, AND ALL CON-
SULAR FUNCTIONS BY THE CONSULAR OFFICER. THE ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER, STALL AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES HANDLE ALL ADMINISTRATIVE
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SUPPORT.

PROPOSED INCREASES IN PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE READING ROOM,
EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE AND A MAJOR AID PROJECT CAN BE HANDLED
BY PRESENT AMERICAN STAFF.

THE POST UNDERSTANDS THAT INSTALLATION OF THE WATTS

SYSTEM, SCHEDULED FOR FY-77, WILL REQUIRE ASSIGNMENT TO THE POST OF A SECOND CRO.

SY HAS PROPOSED, AND THE POST HAS CONCURRED IN, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARINE SECURITY GUARD CONTINGENT, PROBABLY IN FY-78. IF GOM AGREEMENT IS SOUGHT AND OBTAINED, A SIX-MAN MSG UNIT SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED FOR FY-78.

PRESENT LOCAL EMPLOYEE STAFFING IS ADEQUATE, PROVIDED REPLACEMENTS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR THE CULTURAL ASSISTANT WHO RESIGNED IN MARCH 1977 AND THE COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT WHO WILL BE LEAVING IN MAY 1977.

THE EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE ALLOCATION (CU) FOR MAURITIUS SHOULD BE DOUBLED, TO \$75,000 PER YEAR, IN FY-78 AND BEYOND, AS PORPOSED IN PART I.

B. OTHER AGENCY PROGRAMS AND RESOURCE LEVELS

USIA AUTHORIZED AND FUNDED TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEE POSITIONS IN FY-77. THEY WILL BE HIRED ONCE THE READING ROOM IS ESTABLISHED. THEY SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED FOR FY-78 AND FY-79. THE USIA ALLOCATION FOR THIS PURPOSE NEEDS TO BE RAISED TO \$7,000, AS SALARY LEVELS AUTHORIZED ARE INADEQUATE TO OBTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE REQUIRED LEVEL OF COMPETENCE. NO ADDITIONAL USIA, AND NO AID PERSONNEL, WILL BE REQUIRED IN THESE FISCAL YEARS.

IN ADDITION, IN FY-78 AND FY-79, USIA SHOULD ALLOCATE
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\$10,000 FOR DSA (BOOKS, FILMS, PERIODICALS, VOA PROGRAMS) AND \$5,000 FOR CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (ARTISTS AND SPEAKERS). TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE \$7,000 FOR TWO USIA LOCAL EMPLOYEES, THIS WOULD MEAN A USIA BUDGET FOR PORT LOUIS OF \$22,000.

AID SELF-HELP FUNDS SHOULD BE INCREASED TO \$60,000 IN FY78 AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS. (AS MENTIONED IN PART I, AF CONTROLS ALLOCATION OF THESE FUNDS, SO IF IT IS A MATTER OF RE-ALLOCATION OF EXISTING FUNDS, THE REPROGRAMMING SHOULD BE DONE BY AF.)

AID SHOULD PROGRAM \$500,000 - \$1,000,000
PER YEAR STARTING IN FY-78 FOR A MAJOR (THOUGH MODEST)
AID PROJECT FOR MAURITIUS, AS RECOMMENDED IN PART I.

PART III - STATE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. REPROGRAMMING

EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE REPROGRAMMING OF ITS PROGRAM RESOURCES IS NEEDED OR POSSIBLE AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE REQUESTED INCREASES LISTED BELOW ARE THE RESULT OF THE PLANNED WATTS INSTALLATION AND IMPROVED SECURITY NEEDS.

B. INCREASES/DECREASES

THE EMBASSY EXPECTS SHORTLY TO UPGRADE ITS COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY BY INSTALLING A WATTS OPERATION AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THIS WILL REQUIRE ANOTHER CRO POSITION TO OPERATE THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE BACK-UP ASSISTANCE IN THE C&R AREA.

THE ASSIGNMENT OF A MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT TO PORT LOUIS CONSISTING OF SIX PERSONS IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SECURITY COVERAGE FOR THE WATTS EQUIPMENT AND GREATLY ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE EMBASSY, WHICH IS CURRENTLY QUITE VULNERABLE TO PENETRATION. THE EMBASSY, ALONG WITH SEVERAL COMMERCIAL FIRMS AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, OCCUPIES OFFICE SPACE IN THE ANGLO-MAURITIUS BUILDING, PORT LOUIS, AND THE BUILDING IS COMPLETELY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE A FLOOR TO ITSELF BUT SHARES OFFICE SPACE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR WITH A COMMERCIAL FIRM AND THERE IS A CONSTANT FLOW OF VISITORS. SECURITY PROTECTION DURING WORKING HOURS IS PROVIDED BY LOCKED DOORS. AFTER HOURS A LOCALLY HIRED GUARD LOOKS AFTER THE PREMISES. IN TIME OF TROUBLE, IT IS BELIEVED THIS GUARD SERVICE WOULD BE TOTALLY INADEQUATE. THE RSO CONCURS THAT THE EMBASSY NEEDS TO IMPROVE ITS SECURITY PROFILE.

C. LOWER PRIORITY POSITIONS.
NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS POST.

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	AMERICAN	FSL	OFFS. STAFF	PROFESS. STAFF
1. STATE				
1.1 EXECUTIVE	2	2	1	1
1.2 ECON/COMMERCIAL	1	-	1	-
1.3 CONSULAR	1	1	1	-
1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE (CORE)	1	-	1	5
1.5 COMMUNICATIONS	1	-	-	-
1.6 MARINE GUARD	0	-	-	-
1.7 TOTAL	6	3	4	6

2. USIA

2.1 DIRECT HIRE	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	-	-	1	1

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AMERICAN FSL				
1.STATE	OFFS.	STAFF	PROFESS.	STAFF
1.1 EXECUTIVE	2	2	1	1
1.2 ECON/COMMERCIAL	1	-	1	-
1.3 CONSULAR	1	1	1	-
1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE (CORE)	1	-	1	5
1.5 COMMUNICATIONS	2	-	-	-
1.6 MARINE GUARD	0	6	-	-
1.7 TOTAL	7	9	4	6

2. USIA

2.1 DIRECT HIRE	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	-	-	1	1

FY-79

AMERICAN FSL				
1. STATE	OFFS.	STAFF	PROFESS.	STAFF
1.1 EXECUTIVE	2	2	1	1
1.2 ECON/COMMERCIAL	1	-	1	-
1.3 CONSULAR	1	1	1	-
1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE (CORE)	1	-	1	5
1.5 COMMUNICATIONS	2	-	-	-
1.6 MARINE GUARD	0	6	-	-
1.7 TOTAL	7	9	4	6

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